

## AROUND THE EARTH

### OCCURRENCES THEREIN FOR A WEEK.

### LOOKS VERY GLOOMY

#### FOREIGNERS IN PEKIN BELIEVED TO BE DEAD.

Cablegrams from Consul Goodnow Causes Officials in Washington to Look on the Dark Side of Chinese Situation.

Washington: The department of state has received a dispatch from Consul General Goodnow, at Shanghai, saying the governor of Shan Tung wires that the "Boxers" and soldiers were bombarding the legations for the final attack upon July 7. He was extremely anxious for the safety of the ministers and friendly Chinese in Pekin. The consul adds that fears for the worst are generally entertained.

A short telegram received at the state department on the 14th inst. from Consul Goodnow at Shanghai announcing the beginning of the final attack on the legations at Pekin caused terrible depression here.

All along the officials have suspected the various communications received from Chinese sources in Shanghai have been preparing the way for the announcement of the extermination of the foreign ministers, their wives, children, attaches, dependents and guards.

Although the consul's message is but a repetition of press reports from Shanghai, the state department has come to place a high estimate on Goodnow's advice. Moreover, his advice this time is from a Chinese government official, and it is hard to conceive of an adequate reason for falsification of facts by that official in the direction of this particular report.

Therefore the department has joined the European chancellors in the belief that all the ministers at Pekin have been killed.

#### TABLES ARE AGAIN TURNED

##### British Force Near Pretoria Suffers a Serious Defeat.

London: Lord Roberts reports to the war office under date of Pretoria, July 12, as follows:

"The enemy, having failed in their attacks upon our right rear, as mentioned in my telegram of July 9, made a determined attack upon our right flank yesterday and, I regret to say, succeeded in capturing Nital's nek, which was garrisoned by 200 men, composed of a squadron of Scots Greys, with two guns of Battery F, Royal Artillery, and five companies of the Lincolnshire regiment.

"The enemy, attacking in superior numbers at dawn, and seizing the hills commanding the nek, brought a heavy gun fire to bear upon the small garrison. The fighting lasted more or less throughout the day, and immediately on receiving information of the enemy's strength, I dispatched reinforcements from here under Col. Godfrey of the King's Own Scottish borders. Before, however, they reached the spot the garrison had been overpowered and the guns and a greater portion of the squadron of the Greys had been captured, owing to the horses being shot; also about ninety men of the Lincoln regiment. List of the casualties has not been received but I fear they are heavy."

#### DEMOCRATIC NOTIFICATION.

##### Bryan Will Hear of His Nomination at Indianapolis Aug. 8.

Washington: William Jennings Bryan and Adlai E. Stevenson will be formally notified of their selection as the presidential and vice presidential nominees of the Democratic party on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Indianapolis. Information to this effect was received by Representative Richardson of Tennessee, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee from Senator Jones, the national chairman. Mr. Richardson will make the speech of notification to Mr. Bryan and Gov. Thomas of Colorado that notifying Mr. Stevenson. It is expected that the notification will be made the occasion of a large popular demonstration, similar to that at Madison Square Garden in New York city four years ago.

#### IOWA ROBBER CAUGHT.

##### Man Who Looted Storm Lake Express Office Caught in Chicago.

Chicago: O. H. Dillon was arrested here, charged with being one of the burglars who robbed the American Express Company at Storm Lake, Iowa, of blank orders that could be filled out to the aggregate of \$20,000. Dillon with his companion came to Chicago July 10 and obtained employment as a telegraph operator. Dillon's companion escaped. Orders aggregating \$500, made out on stolen blanks, led to Dillon's arrest.

#### Powers' Attorney Injured.

Georgetown, Ky.: Ex-Congressman W. C. Owens of the defense in the Powers case was severely injured by falling over an embankment in trying to avoid an approaching street car. He was also struck by the car and his injuries are such that he will be laid up for some time.

#### Negro Lynched in Alabama.

Birmingham, Ala.: At Cresswell, Shelby County, forty miles east of here, John Jennings, colored, was lynched. Jennings shot and killed L. Martin, a laborer. Jennings was arrested and was taken from the officers by a mob.

#### Big Range Fire in Montana.

Billings, Mont.: A disastrous range fire is raging on Bull Mountain, Railroad Creek and Pomeroy's Pillar, on the north side of the Yellowstone River. A late report says that twenty head of horses belonging to J. M. Ramsey of this city were caught and burned. Vast flocks are in great danger.

#### Famous Musician Frozen to Death.

Berlin: Herr Joseph Bann of Hamburg, well known in musical circles, was frozen to death while climbing the Schneeberg.

## TELL THE LEADERS.

### McKinley and Roosevelt Formally Notified of Nomination.

Canton, O.: Chairman Lodge and the members of the notification committee, together with Chairman Hanna and members of the national committee, arrived shortly after 11 o'clock on the 12th inst. from Cleveland. They entered carriages and were driven to the president's house, where the president and Mrs. McKinley welcomed them from the front porch. There were a number of distinguished men on the porch, including Hanna, Postmaster General Smith, Cornelius S. Bliss, Henry C. Payne and Judge Day.

Senator Lodge immediately mounted a small standing block and delivered his speech. The senator's remarks were frequently interrupted with applause. When Lodge closed McKinley mounted the stand and delivered his speech of acceptance amid much applause. The president was followed by Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, who pledged the vote of that state for McKinley. He was followed by Senator Hanna and Postmaster General Smith.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.: Gov. Roosevelt was officially notified of his nomination for vice president at his country home at Sagamore, near here, July 12. The notification committee left New York on a special train at 10:30 and made a quick run to Oyster Bay. Here carriages were taken, the party reaching the destination at noon. Roosevelt received them on a wide vine-covered porch, grasping the hand of each gentleman as he alighted and then introducing them to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Shortly after 12 Senator Wolcott called the committee to the porch and read the formal notification. When Wolcott had concluded the governor delivered his speech of acceptance. At the conclusion of Roosevelt's remarks the party was photographed, luncheon was served, and at 1:15 the party started to return to New York.

#### OBJECTS TO NEGRO CHIEF.

##### White Secretary of Freedmen's Aid Society Tenders Resignation.

Cincinnati, Ohio: At the last meeting of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, a benevolent organization connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, a heated discussion arose over the resignation of Rev. W. H. Rees of Westwood, assistant secretary. It is understood that the reason for the resignation at its recent session had placed a negro, Rev. M. C. B. Mason, in charge as chief secretary in place of Bishop Hamilton, the former secretary. Some criticism of the action of the conference was made, but the resignation of Mr. Rees was accepted after a motion to sustain the position of Secretary Mason had been carried.

#### INDIANS IN SULLEN MOOD.

##### Do Not Look with Favor Upon Attempts to Civilize Them.

Solway, Minn.: The blanket Indians at Red Lake are in a sullen mood and trouble is feared. The government is erecting a \$80,000 school at that point and these Indians seriously object to any attempts at civilizing them. They have refused annuities from the government for a number of years, claiming that the government has not given them their just portion of the Indian money. White settlers near the reservation are arming themselves and gathering together, fearing an attack. Arms and ammunition have been sent from Solway and a call will probably be made for state troops. The Indians are holding war dances nightly.

#### BUCKNER OPPOSES A TICKET

##### Does Not Think Gold Democrats Should Make Nominations.

Louisville, Ky.: Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, who was Gen. Palmer's running mate on the national Democratic gold ticket in 1896, has come out against the nomination of a ticket this year. Gen. Buckner favors adopting a platform denouncing free silver and not nominating a ticket, leaving the gold Democrats free to vote as they choose.

#### Trouble in St. Louis.

St. Louis: Demonstrations against the transit cars and their partitions occurred in various parts of the city Wednesday night. A boy was assaulted after he had alighted from the car, and was stoned into insensibility. Stones were thrown at a number of cars and in several instances explosives were placed upon the tracks. No one was seriously hurt and the damage to the cars was slight.

#### Hotel Rates Are Too High.

Chicago: Chicago has a chance to lose the Democratic national headquarters. National committeemen say the hotels have put rates up out of reach. Chairman Jones says emphatically that the location of headquarters has not yet been decided upon. Columbus, O., has been bidding for the headquarters and may win unless the committee finds suitable quarters here.

#### Placer Discovery Near Hilliard.

Evanson, Wyo.: The people of this place are excited over a placer discovery in the vicinity of Hilliard. The strike was made at the depth of a few feet and the dirt runs about \$200 in gold, \$50 in silver and a trace of copper to the ton. About twelve claims had been staked off when the messenger with the report left Hilliard.

#### Forest Fires at Boulder Creek.

Boulder Creek, Cal.: A fire that was started west of here on July 4 by a fire balloon is still raging. Thousands of acres of timber have been destroyed and there does not seem much probability that it will be soon gotten under control. Twenty-five or thirty families who were camping at Brendelton have had to leave.

#### Fatal Boating Accident.

Chicago: While attempting to change seats in a rowboat two young women and a young man were drowned in the lagoon in Washington Park. The dead are Otto F. Morey, Nellie Guenther and Annie McLaughlin.

#### Society Boycotts Astor.

London: The Prince and Princess of Wales have both given the word and the rest of society is only too willing to put some tucks in William Waldorf Astor's social ambitions.

## FIGHT LIKE FIENDS.

### Allies at Tien Tsin Hard Pressed by the Chinese.

Washington: A message from Admiral Remy to the war department, dated Chefoo, July 11, says: "Have just learned from Admiral Seymour that the foreigners in Tien Tsin are hard pressed."

London: A Shanghai dispatch on the 11th says: "Fighting at Tien Tsin on the 6th was the heaviest which has yet occurred, the Russians alone burying 200. The allies are becoming exhausted by constant fighting."

Berlin: The German consul at Tien Tsin cables that the foreign settlements were continually bombarded by the Chinese from the 5th to the 8th. On the 6th 2,000 "Boxers" attacked the French settlement and were routed by the Russians. On the 7th the British and Japanese forces bombarded the Chinese batteries. Chinese shells penetrated the roof of the German consulate, causing an outbreak of fire which was extinguished after slight damage. The railroad from Tong Ku has been repaired to within three miles from Tien Tsin. Nearly all the families of foreign residents left Tien Tsin for Taku on the 4th.

#### GET AWAY WITH \$10,000.

##### Passenger Train on Illinois Central Robbed in Kentucky.

Paducah, Ky.: The Illinois Central's passenger train from New Orleans to Chicago was held up and robbed Wednesday morning two miles south of Wickliffe. The train was flagged and stopped by six bandits. After knocking the fireman in the head with a revolver and injuring him badly, they cut off the engine and express car and ran a mile and a half down the road. They blew open the express safe, securing all the valuables. They left the engine and car and crossed into Missouri. They dropped a package containing \$700, but got away with \$10,000. The passengers were not molested. An armed posse with bloodhounds, is understood to be hot on the robbers' trail.

#### GO AFTER MILLIONS.

##### Bandits Try to Wreck a Government Gold Train.

Philadelphia: According to the officials of the Baltimore and Ohio a deliberate attempt to wreck the Washington express, bearing \$3,000,000 in gold to the treasury in New York, came near being successful early Wednesday morning at Folsom, a short distance from this city. The train, which consisted of two sleepers, two day coaches and three baggage cars, going at a high rate of speed, ran into an open switch. The engine and baggage car were derailed. No one was injured. An examination of the switch disclosed the fact that it had been tampered with for the apparent purpose of wrecking the train. Detectives have been placed on the case.

#### THA. ASSASSINATION PLOT.

##### Odell Claims the Story Is Based on a Trifling Matter.

Newburgh, N. Y.: Chairman Odell of the Republican state committee said Wednesday concerning the alleged plot to assassinate McKinley:

"I have nothing to say up the subject, except I made an investigation with a state committee detective on the line of what I supposed to be political information, and discovered either a crank or a Baron Munchausen, and acted on the principle that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. It is probable my report to Secretary Dick is the cause for the extra care now being taken of the president. I regret someone has been induced enough to make of a trifling matter the gigantic plot exposed in the papers."

#### Cholera Spreading Rapidly.

Simla: Cholera has appeared in severe epidemic form at Kohat, twenty-five miles south of Peshawar. Two hundred and five cases and seventy-seven deaths occurred among the sepoys and camp followers between July 2 and July 9.

#### France Votes More Money.

Paris: The chamber of deputies and senate have voted an additional 14,500,000 francs for the purpose of carrying on France's operations in China.

#### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

St. Louis—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$4.67 to \$5.00; sheep, \$2.25 to \$2.75; wheat, 54c; corn, 30c to 31c; 20c to 22c; butter, dairy 14c to 15c, creamery, 15c to 16c.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$5.45; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 78c to 80c; corn, No. 2, 43c to 44c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 11c; new potatoes, 37c to 40c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.05; hogs, choice light, \$5.00 to \$5.35; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 80c to 81c; corn, No. 2 white, 43c to 44c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.65; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.45; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 78c to 80c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 41c to 43c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 58c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, 81c to 82c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 45c to 47c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 23c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 61c to 62c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 82c to 85c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 46c to 47c; oats, No. 2 white, 26c to 28c; rye, 60c to 61c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 82c to 85c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 2, 58c to 60c; clover seed, prime, \$5.10 to \$5.50.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 78c to 80c; corn, No. 3, 43c to 45c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 28c; rye, No. 1, 60c to 62c; barley, No. 2, 46c to 48c; pork, mess, \$12.00 to \$12.50.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.70; hogs, fair to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.75; lambs, common to extra, \$3.50 to \$6.00.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.80; hogs, \$3.00 to \$6.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.90; wheat, No. 2 red, 88c to 89c; corn, No. 2, 50c to 51c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; butter, creamery, 10c to 20c; eggs, west, 18c to 15c.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

### NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

#### Peculiar Sect Again Disturbing the Tranquility of Gretna People—Figgites Resuming Their Old Practices.

Ever since the Figgites met with the application of tar and feathers a few months ago near Gretna they have seemed to be in a lethargic state, but during the past few days they have showed symptoms of assembling and resuming their old time tactics. Sunday afternoon Mrs. Bert Donahue went to Gretna and proceeded to give the old time and familiar war dance and war whoop of the Figgite tribe. She danced and shouted until exhausted and then subsided and went down to the Figg abode. In the morning Mrs. Hanna Ryberg, another of the sect, went to the Christian Church and told the Sunday school teachers that they were "of the world and the devil was in them." She said that the Lord had sent her there to teach the Sunday school teachers the ways of righteousness. After several minutes of wild and incoherent talk she went out. Last week a lot of Gretna boys went down to the Figg place to play with the children there. Mrs. Figg, who claims to be in charge of the holy ghost, told the town boys that they must go home, as "the Lord did not allow any wicked and devilish children to play with her boys."

"Go back," she cried, "and stay there. My children are too good to play with devils."

The children ran home nearly frightened to death. Mrs. Bert Donahue is alleged to be insane. Several times lately she has threatened to burn the house and barn on her husband's farm and has made life a burden for her faithful husband, who is one of the most substantial farmers around there. One day last week she "had a notice from the Lord" to stay in the granary all day. She followed the bidding and lay on the wheat from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m., without anything to eat or drink.

Mrs. Browning has resumed her old actions and is about as bad as before she went back to her husband.

#### TRIES TO KILL A WOMAN.

##### Section Hand Inspired by Jealousy, Attempts Murder.

William Hart, a young man working on the West Point railroad section gang, made an attempt upon the life of Christina Jensen, a single woman with whom he had kept company for some time, firing five shots at her. He was promptly arrested and placed in jail. A slight scratch on the head was the only injury the woman sustained. The revolver had been purchased by the man a short time before his attempt. The assault was the outcome of a quarrel, and the cause was jealousy and the refusal of the woman to become his wife. The man was under the influence of liquor.

#### ROSEWATER IS GUILTY.

##### Court Holds He Tried to Unduly Influence Decision.

The Nebraska Supreme Court has found Editor Rosewater of the Omaha Bee guilty of contempt of court. The court held that Rosewater had sought to unduly influence its recent decision in the Omaha fire and police commission case, at which time the court was strongly criticized in the Bee. Several weeks ago the court fined the Bee Publishing Company \$500 and took the editor's individual case under advisement. The decision simply finds him guilty, but assesses no fine.

#### Outing for Working Women.

Rev. Mr. Ludden of Lincoln was in Beatrice the other day to complete arrangements for securing Chautauque grounds for an outing to be given the hard working mothers and their children of Lincoln by D. E. Thompson, Mr. Thompson will furnish transportation to and from Lincoln and Beatrice and will furnish tents and supplies for visitors. The event will take place the first week in August. The only thing the visitors will have to furnish for themselves will be bedding. Dr. Ludden stated that between 2,000 and 3,000 of the working women of Lincoln would be able to take advantage of Mr. Thompson's offer.

#### Thieves Rob Mail Box.

Unobserved by the postoffice force, thieves abstracted from the box of Frank J. Morgan, treasurer for the state Odd Fellows' lodge, all the mail in his box in Plattsmouth, amounting, so far as known, to something over \$1,000. Among the mail taken was a box of jewelry, letters containing drafts, etc. The box of jewelry has been found and payment on drafts stopped. The theft was kept out of print for several days in order to give the postal officials an opportunity to get in their work. No arrests have yet been made.

#### Mad Dog Scare.

A canine belonging to E. J. Perry of Humboldt had an attack of the rabies. The animal made several futile attempts to bite Mr. Perry and other persons, and left town in a northerly direction, snapping at everything which came in his way. Parties have been searching for the dog to put it out of the way, but so far their efforts have been in vain.

#### New Telephone Connection.

The Interstate Telephone Company, with Stuart, Brodie, Dustin, Grand Rapids, Naper, Batte, Neb., and Bonestell, Fairfax and Porter's Landing, S. D., on its line, will in a few days connect at Spencer with the Camp Dewey Telephone Company, running through Lynch to Creighton and other northeast Nebraska towns.

#### Wahoo Jail Break.

Harris and Hamilton broke jail at Wahoo the other night and are at large. These are the men implicated in the robbery of Joseph & Grofe's store. Hamilton was tried, found guilty and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Harris was to be tried on the reconvening of the district court.

#### Child Attacked by Rats.

A year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Laughlin of Ashland was attacked by rats while sleeping in his cradle and was badly bitten about the face and hands. His parents, who were sleeping near, were awakened by his cries, or he would have been killed.

#### Fire Destroys Grain.

Fifteen acres of wheat belonging to B. F. Rice and six acres of oats owned by B. Shoemaker, located about two miles east of Fairmont were destroyed by fire recently.

## BLOW FOR MODERN WOODMEN

### Society Seriously Affected by Order of Insurance Commission.

The insurance commission of the state of Nebraska has thrown a bombshell into the ranks of the fraternal insurance societies of the state by issuing an order summarily suspending from work in the state all companies of this character chartered by the state of Illinois. This action is taken as a result of discrimination against Nebraska societies by the insurance department of the state of Illinois, and it is expected to result in the licensing of Nebraska companies by the Illinois commissioner.

The company to be affected in the greatest degree by this order is the Modern Woodmen of America. Besides the Modern Woodmen the Royal League, the Home Forum and several other smaller societies are affected. Copies of the order were sent to the heads of the societies barred from the state, and it is said that under these orders work will be suspended. No response has been received by the insurance department at this time, and it is believed by life insurance men that there will be a fight made by the companies. It is said that the order of the commissioner will leave many persons who are insured in the suspended companies without relief in case payments on policies are refused, as if the companies cannot do business in the state they cannot be served with legal notice of suits pending against them outside the federal courts, and where the amounts at issue are less than \$2,000 suits cannot be brought in those courts.

#### ROBBERS HOLDUP DEPOT.

##### Bandits Enter Missouri Pacific Station at Plattsmouth.

Two bold masked bandits entered the Missouri Pacific depot at Plattsmouth, and showing a revolver through the ticket window ordered Night Operator Becker to "come up." He permitted them to enter the office and help themselves. Not knowing the combination of the safe he could not open it, as they requested. After taking all the money in sight, his knife and pocketbook, they accompanied him about one mile up the track and returned his pocketbook minus its contents and his watch. The tall man is described as wearing a dark coat, white shirt and straw hat. The other as being heavy set and wearing a black slouch hat and a gray suit.

#### Grand Stand Collapses.

The grand stand collapsed at Sterling during a ball game. About 300 people were crowded into the amphitheater when it fell. Mert Shea, a farmer, was struck by a falling timber and sustained a severe fracture of the skull. Mrs. William Conrad and Mrs. Dr. Barnes, both of Tecumseh, and Leon Murdock and Joe Walsley, two young men of Sterling, were all badly bruised, but their injuries are not serious.

#### A \$5,000,000 Loan.

The largest mortgage ever recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Douglas County was stamped and sealed at Omaha the other day, giving to the American Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, a trust title to the properties of the Swift Packing Company in consideration of a loan of \$5,000,000. The document bore stamps to the value of \$2,500.

#### Damage by Grasshoppers.

The grasshoppers are devouring the growing crops very seriously near Cozad. In many fields the growing corn is literally bending to the ground under the weight of myriads of grasshoppers. Much fear is expressed among the farmers as to the probable extent of their ravages.

#### Rob Osmond Postoffice.

The postoffice at Osmond was robbed the other night. The front of the safe was blown all to pieces and the building damaged some by the flying pieces. The robbers secured about \$40 in cash and \$400 worth of stamps and some notes and private papers of Postmaster Leonard.

#### Killed by the Heat.

B. V. Minton, a traveling salesman for the Western Supply and Manufacturing Company of Kansas City, died at the Padlock Hotel in Beatrice of bowel complaint after an illness of but two days. The deceased was overcome by the heat and was taken sick as a result of it.

#### Fell Off a Hand Car.

Henry Sexbury of Pilger, foreman of the extra section gang now employed on the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley Railroad at West Point, fell off a hand car and broke his kneecap. The unfortunate man suffered great agony until relieved by surgical care.

#### Corn Will Break Record.

Harvesting of rye and barley is about completed around Wausa. The crop is a good average one. Prospects for all other crops were never brighter, especially so is this true of corn, which is expected to break all records.

#### Fire Destroys Wheat Crop.

\*Sparks from a neighboring straw stack set fire to a 300-acre wheat field belonging to John Scheve, a wealthy farmer living near Beatrice. About sixty-five acres of wheat in shock was destroyed.

#### Nebraska Short Notes.

Ben Karas, an Elm Creek lad, was walking on a picket fence the other day when he fell on one of the pickets. An ugly wound was inflicted in his side which required half a dozen stitches to draw together.

Prof. Winteringer, the Hartington balloonist who fell 100 feet from his balloon at Lyons on the 4th, is able to walk.

Corn, potato and hay fields in the vicinity of Hartington are suffering for want of rain.

Coffax County boasts of the best crop prospect in many years.

Hoppers are reported to be doing some damage in Stanton County.

The Ravenna band went to Guernsey, Wyo., to play on the Fourth.

Robbers got \$12 from the cash register and slot machine in a Hartington drug store the other night.

Frank Frude of Stromsburg is in the county jail at Okeola. This is the first prisoner the present sheriff has boarded, as there has been no one in the jail since the sheriff came into office three years ago.

The fair grounds at West Point were sold on foreclosure last week for \$1,775.

The chess players of Arcadia and Ord are trying to arrange a tournament.

Tilden is agitating the question of Sunday closing of all business houses.

Hamilton County has the finest wheat crop in its history, and it is asserted some pieces will go forty bushels to the acre.

The Cuming County fair grounds at West Point were sold at sheriff's sale and the fair association has gone out of business.

The fusion senatorial convention has been called to meet in Emerson on Sept. 4. Attorney Walter A. Marten has most of the Populist delegates.

## LONDON IS RESTLESS.

### BRITAIN WANTS A DECISIVE BLOW STRUCK.

#### Wonders Why Lord Roberts Does Not Crush the Boers—Sister Isabel Wilson Says South African Hospital Service Is Bad.

According to a copyrighted cablegram in the Chicago Record London is becoming unmistakably restless for news of decisive action in South Africa. Lord Roberts' delay in cornering the elusive De Wet has begun to call forth criticism, although it is by no means forgotten that just such a lull has preceded the accomplishment of every one of the field marshal's vital operations. It is believed that Gen. Buller's arrival at Pretoria, completing the barrier between the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, is all that Lord Roberts has been waiting for before striking his long-planned blow.

Sister Isabel Wilson, a volunteer nurse who has just returned from South Africa, talked to the Record's correspondent relative to royal army medical service. "There is unquestionably foundation for the charge," she said, "that the British hospital service throughout the entire South African campaign has been and is now miserably deficient. The insufficient number of nurses has been the chief cause of complaint. At the Pietermaritzburg hospital, following the battle of Spion kop, five doctors and five nurses were compelled to care for 140 wounded men, in addition to being beset by the most distracting system of red tape. Lack of foresight was wholly responsible for this understaffing."